

COUNTY OF LOUDOUN FIRE RESCUE COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

February 10, 2011

1800 hours

Fire and Rescue Training Center

Communications Battalion Chief	Mike Lamb	Present	EMS Council Representative	Derrick Bennett	Present Arrived 1822
ECC Manager	Patty Turner	Present	Fire Council Representative	Tony Schloss	Present
CAD Analyst	Mike Carter	Present	At – Large Member	Andrew Durham	Present
At – Large Member	Ian Buchanan	Present			

OLD BUSINESS

I. Volunteer Safety Officer Program –

Ian Buchanan reported that the Commission passed the policy 2-1-1 effective immediately. Mike Carter Advised the CAD is set up and ready to go. Patty Turner advised she will need to translate the policy into operational guidelines and create documentation for ECC.

II. MDC, CAD, and Radio Operations –

Mike Lamb reported that an investigation into the radio strength in Dulles South area has been opened due to the numerous complainants from end users. Motorola and Hankey's will begin the review by performing the preventive maintenance on the Bull Run radio tower. The County along with Hankey's will be taking signal strength readings in the area. A simple fill in the blank type form will be issues through the Battalion Chiefs in the 3rd Battalion in an effort to collect specific information surrounding these radio issues.

Ian Buchanan commented that he has heard some garbled traffic in that area.

III. RSAN (Roam Secure Alert Network) Paging -

Mike Lamb will be meeting with DIT leadership in an effort to move this project along as it appears to be stalled in their shop

IV. Radio Equipment –

Mike Lamb asked for any comments on the draft policy which was distributed earlier in the week to committee members.

Ian Buchanan commented that it was not real specific on lead time and he thought it left too much wiggle room within the policy.

Mike Lamb will review it again and make the discussed changes to y include timeframes

Ian Bucanan advised the committee that Comapny 1 is purchasing a used Truck as an addition to their fleet and will need some radios. This could arrive in the station as soon as 2 months.

NEW BUSINESS

I. ALS Provider Tracking – The meeting will be opened for public comment on this subject

Mike Lamb advised this is the third meeting open to anyone to provide comments or ask questions regarding the ALS Tracking Policy. He read into record the answers to prior questions brought up at the last meeting by the EMS Council Chair and other members who attended.

Derrick Bennett advised the power point helped to educate the providers and believes people have adapted or found ways to make it work

Mike Lamb asked the Committee where they would like to go with this policy at this point.

Derrick Bennett suggested we send the updated PDF documents (power point presentation and the QA document back the Councils to solicit comments one last time prior to submitting our recommendation to the Commission.

II. Roundtable:

Ian Buchanan– Nothing new at this time.

AJ Durham – Nothing new at this time

Tony Schloss – Nothing new at this time

Patty Turner – Nothing new at this time

Mike Carter – Nothing new at this time

Mike Lamb – Nothing new at this time

Derrick Bennett –Inquired if a Barb change on Gum Springs was in the works due to the speed limit changes. Mike Carter advised that they had not lowered the speed limit during construction so there was no need to adjust it back up.

Derrick Bennett also inquired about the breakout boxes for the MDCs in the ambulances and if any progress had been made on replacing these units. Mike Lamb is moving forward with DIT to bring the vendors in to review out options and identify any funding issues.

Derrick Bennett asked if the Call Processing times could be generated into a report and distributed. Mike Lamb advised that they have a new report format which falls in line the NFPA 1221 reporting requirements and they will begin to publish this report on a monthly basis just as soon as it is ready.

Next meeting will be March 11, 2011 at 1800 hours at LCFR Training Center